

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Lakes

Lakes is an unincorporated CDP located east of Wasilla, between Wasilla and Gateway, off the Glenn Highway. Many residents are employed in Palmer, Wasilla or Anchorage. Lakes is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 8,249, a gain of about 1,543 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 61 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 22 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

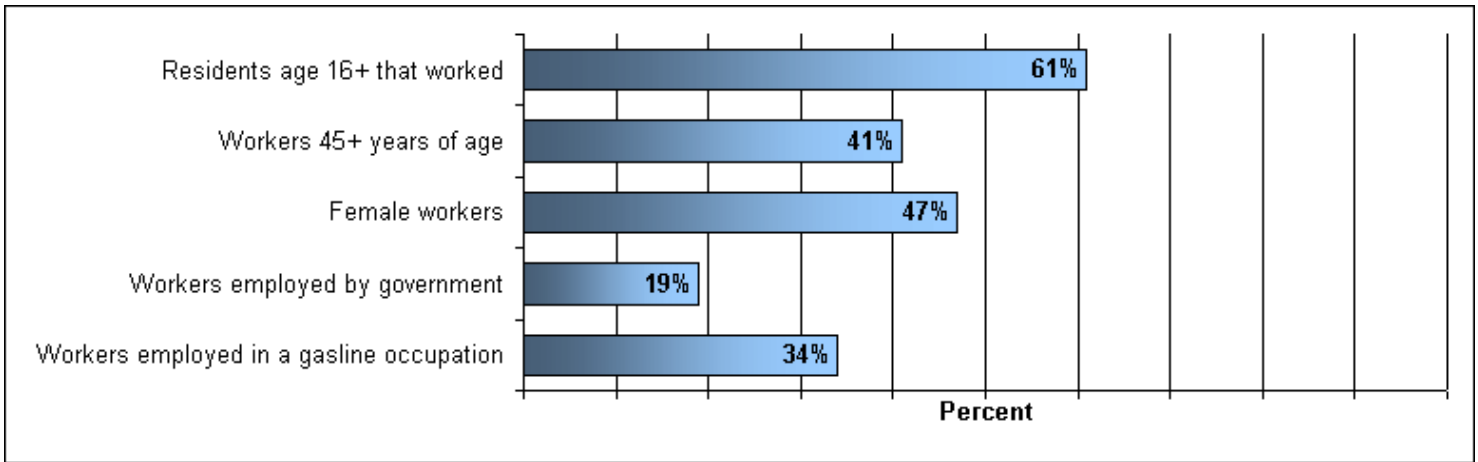
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Lakes Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	6,098	Total wages	\$150,439,068
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,715	Private	3,023
Male	1,958	State government	265
Female	1,757	Local government	427
Age 45+	1,536	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,042	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	3,312
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.9%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	438	Some construction	878
		At least 1 year construction	555
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	372
New hires	1,299	Worked in an AGIA occupation	2,456

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2008 Residents

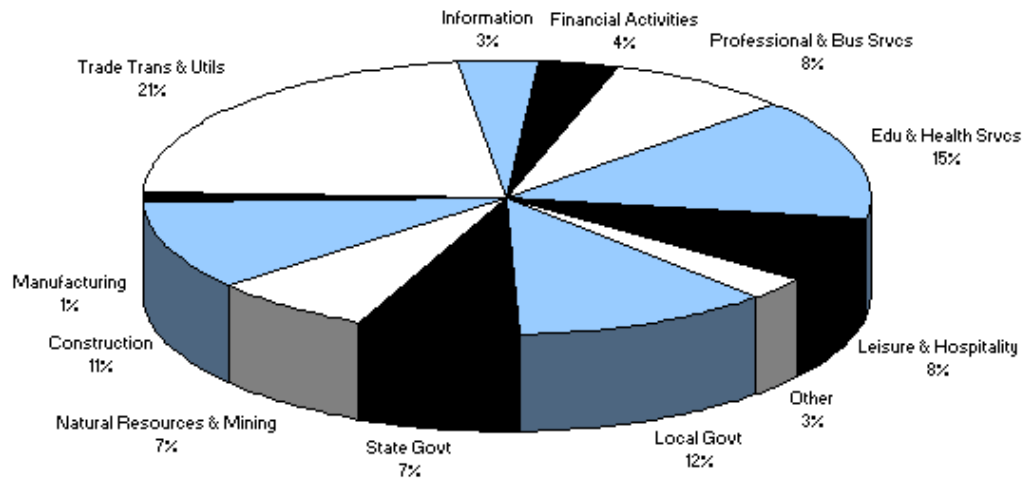


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	142	50.0%	31	20
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	119	73.1%	69	53
Cashiers	108	74.1%	28	15
Office Clerks, General AGIA	86	81.4%	31	18
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	84	66.7%	6	2
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	76	75.0%	40	32
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	76	10.5%	18	8
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	66	86.4%	41	33
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	65	7.7%	31	20
Electricians AGIA HOT JOB	56	3.6%	22	19
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	50	92.0%	29	18
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	46	63.0%	16	10
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	45	91.1%	18	7
General and Operations Managers	42	33.3%	21	19
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	42	7.1%	24	17
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	42	0.0%	18	14
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	41	36.6%	16	12
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	39	87.2%	20	14
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	39	2.6%	23	19
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	37	100.0%	18	13

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	266	9.8%	111	67
Construction	395	13.4%	138	92
Manufacturing	41	24.4%	11	8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	825	39.4%	306	199
Information	127	46.5%	60	39
Financial Activities	136	69.1%	54	42
Professional and Business Services	301	41.5%	118	77
Educational and Health Services	540	78.7%	254	179
Leisure and Hospitality	282	63.8%	53	35
State Government	265	50.6%	148	102
Local Government	427	62.8%	246	179
Other	107	53.3%	36	23
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

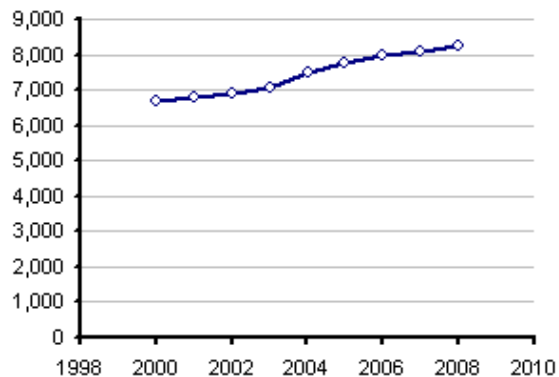
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
Municipality of Anch Payroll
Providence Hospital Payroll
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Veco Alaska Inc
Matanuska Susitna Borough
University of AK

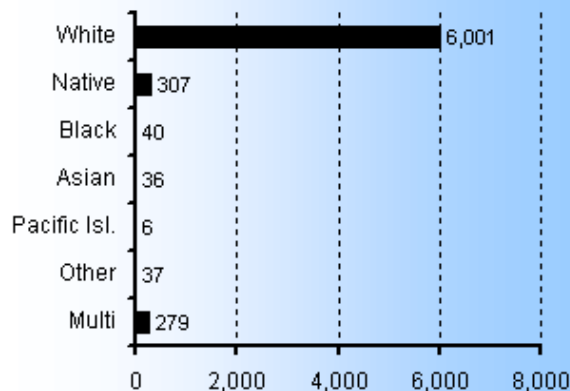
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	34.8
Average Family Size	3.3
Average Household Size	3.0
Per Capita Income	\$23,485
Median Family Income	\$68,893
Median Household Income	\$63,250

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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